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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2437-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shinichi ITO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
Serial No.: 10/697,436 ) Examiner: Bareford, Katherine A.  
Filed: October 31, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 7730  
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A )  
LIQUID FILM ON A SUBSTRATE )  
)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, the period for response to which extends through January 21, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 11-12 and 18-24, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method;

Group II, claim 13, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a composition; and

Group III, claims 15-17, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method.

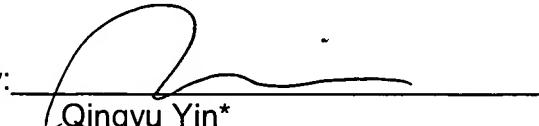
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, including claims 15-17, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: January 21, 2005

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\*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)